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TO: Dianne R. Nielson, Ronald W. Daniels, Lowell P. Braxton
FROM: Mary M. Bouek, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation Biologist *Mary*
RE: Status of Beaver Creek Coal Company, Wild Horse Ridge
Mining and Reclamation Plan, PRO/015/001, Emery
County, Utah; Status of Reclamation of Beaver Creek
Coal Company's Exploration Road at Wild Horse Ridge,
CEP/015/007, Emery County, Utah

On August 24, 1984, the Division wrote a letter to Beaver Creek Coal Company (BCCC) requesting the Company to state their intent regarding continuation of permitting for the Wild Horse Ridge Permit Application Package (PAP) Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). To date, no official response has been received from the company other than questions on how this affects the need for reclamation of the Wild Horse Ridge exploration road. It is becoming obvious that the Company does not intend to proceed with permitting of the mine, though this has not been explicitly stated. It is also becoming equally obvious that Nevada Power has no solidified plans regarding this mine.

On December 6, 1984, the Division wrote a letter to BCCC regarding the disposition of the Wild Horse Ridge exploration road and outlining possible options for the transfer of responsibility for the road (maintenance and reclamation) to Nevada Power. In this letter, the Division stated that it was expected to be made aware of BCCC's intent for this road and the (PAP) MRP in the very near future. No word has been received by the Division to date.

As you are aware, the Division is close to permitting BCCC's Huntington #4 Mine, which will necessitate that permanent reclamation commence during spring/summer 1985. Since the Company is apparently not interested in permitting

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the Wild Horse Ridge Mine, and there is no valid and demonstrated reason not to reclaim the Wild Horse Ridge exploration road, the Division should consider that reclamation of the Wild Horse Ridge Road could be facilitated if it were conducted at the same time the Company is reclaiming the Huntington #4 Mine site. I believe this situation should be brought to BCCC's immediate attention in order that the Company can formulate an acceptable reclamation plan for the road. This situation should be coordinated with Steve Cox and Wayne Hedberg.

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cc: Steve Cox
Wayne Hedberg
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